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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SAN SALVADOR OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
MARC SCHNEIDER AND SALLY SHELTON

REF: LAST WEEK'S TELECONS WITH ARA/CEN

1. ON BASIS OF LAST WEEK'S TELECONS WITH WADE MATTHEWS
OF ARA/CEN, WE UNDERSTAND DEPT. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARC
SCHNEIDER WILL BE ARRIVING FROM WASHINGTON AND DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SALLY SHELTON FROM MEXICO CITY, BOTH
ON TUESDAY, MAY 8. CONFIRMATIONS OF FLIGHT NUMBERS AND
ARRIVAL TIMES WILL BE APPRECIATED. ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF
MISSION HERBERT T. MITCHELL JR. WILL SERVE AS CONTROL OFFICER.

2. WE OF COURSE WELCOME VISIT OF THESE DISTINGUISHED
COLLEAGUES AND GOES INDICATES IT WISHES PLAN APPROPRIATE
PROGRAM FOR THEM. ONLY ELEMENT THEREOF THUS FAR ANNOUNCED
TO US IS MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT JULIO ERNESTO ASTACIO
AT 10:00 AM WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

3. TIMEING OF VISIT RAISES SOME MINOR PROBLEMS.
GOES HAS JUST DECLARED WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, AN OFFICIAL
HOLIDAY (MOTHER'S DAY) AND WE ARE NOT SURE HOW THIS
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WILL IMPACT UPON AVAILABILITY OF PERSONS VISITORS
SHOULD SEE. IN ADDITION, SHORTNESS OF ADVANCE NOTICE
COMPLICATES PROBLEM OF ARRANGING OPTIMUM PROGRAM SINCE
FIXED AND LONG-STANDING COMMITMENTS UNFORTUNATELY
MAY LIMIT AVAILABILITY OF PERSONS WHO WOULD NORMALLY
BE INCLUDED IN SUCH A PROGRAM.

4. HAVING STATED THESE CONMERNS, LET MEY SAY THAT I HOPE BOTH MARC AND ALLY WILL BE MY WELCOME HOUSE GUESTS AT THE RESIDENCE AND THAT WE WILL CERTAINLY TRY TO ARRANGE FOR THEM AS INTERESTING, USEFUL AND PLEASANT A PROGRAM AS POSSIBLE.

5. IN VIEW OF WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE MARCH SCHNEIDER'S STATED PREFERENCE FOR MINIMUM PUBLICITY, WE ARE--AS REQUESTED--GIVING NO ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE PRESS AND PLANNING NO MEETINGS WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.
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